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SUBJ: NON-MILITARY AGENCIES ON MILITARY FACILITIES

REF: TOKYO 3055

B. STATE 05420

1. STORAGE FIGURES CITED REF A WERE ESTIMATES. EMBASSY HAS SINCE
COMPILED MORE EXACT FIGURES WHICH FOLLOW:

AGENCY	SQ FOOTAGE
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A. US ARMY NORTH PEIR	DEPARTMENT OF STATE 4,405
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B. US ARMY PRINTING PLANT	TOKYO REGIONAL SUPPLY
AT KAWASAKI	CENTER (STATE) 7,678

DEFENSE ATTACHE OFFICE 312

DEPT OF AGRICULTURE 591

USIS	3,000
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TOTAL 15,986

ANNUAL COST OF COMMERICIL STORAGE SPACE IN THE TOKYO AHEA FOR THIS
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AMOUNT WOULD BE APPROXIMATELY \$88,800 (AT YEN TO DOLLAR EX-

CHANGE RATE OF 300:1).

2. EMBASSY AGREES WITH DEPARTMENT THAT, AS IN PAST, GOJ UNLIKELY TO NOTECE OR CONFRONT US WITH PROBLEM OF CIVILIAN WAREHOUSE DESCRIBED REF A. EMBASSY ALSO AGREES IN LIGHT OF LACK OF FUNDS AND POSSIBILITY ISSUE MAY CONTINUE TO ESCAPE CRITICAL SCRUTINY (REF B), ONE OPTION IS TO IGNORE PROBLEM UNLESS AND UNTIL IT IS FOCUSED UPON US.

3. SINCE ANNUALLY-RENEWED LEASES FOR STORAGE IN QUESTION ARE HELD IN NAME OF MDAO SUCCESSOR TO MAAG (FYI: WE CAN FIND HERE NO INDICATION THAT AUTHORITY HAS BEEN GRANTED MAAG/MDAO BY GOJ TO SUBB-LEASE TO USG CIVILIAN AGENCIES), DOCUMENTATION OF STORAGE ARRANGEMENT IS RELATIVELY INNOCOUS. IN ADDITION, WE HAVE RECENTLY SUGGESTED CERTAIN CHANGES IN OTHER DOCUMENTATION AND LABELING WHICH SHOULD SERVE TO DECREASE LIKLIHOOD OF DETECTION BY JAPANESE OPPOSITION ELEMENTS.

4. ON THE OTHER HAND, EXPERIENCE SHOWS THAT IT IS HARDLY EVER GOJ ITSELF THAT PRECIPATES ISSUES EMBARRASSING TO USG: OPPOSITION PARTIES DO IT, AND THEY HAVE BECOME INCREASINGLY RESOURCEFUL IN FINDING ISSUES TO EMBARRASS GOJ AND ATTACK MST. IN EMBASSY VIEW, SHOULD WAREHOUSING ISSUE SURFACE IN DIET, (LIKLIHOOD OF THIS SEEMS TO US LESS THAN 50-50) IT WILL BE ALL THE MORE EMBARRASSING TO GOJ AND USG AFTER 1973 LEFTIST-CAUSED BROUHAHA OVER AID ACTIVITIES ON OKINAWA MILITARY FACILITIES AND LOGICAL PRESUMPTION THAT WE WOULD HAVE MADE CERTAIN NO SIMILAR SOFA INFRACTION COULD AGAIN OCCUR.

5. IN CONSIDERING OPTION TO IGNORE ISSUE UNLESS AND UNTIL IT BECOMES PROBLEM, DEPARTMENT MAY ALSO WISH TO TAKE CONSIDERATION QUESTION OF FAIRNESS. WE HAVE RECENTLY INSISTED THAT A NUMBER OF OTHER CIVILILIAN AGENCIES REMOVE THEIR PERSONNEL, RESIDENTIAL QUARTERS AND OFFICIAL PREMISES FROM MILITARY FACILITIES. DESPITE UNDERSTANDABLE BUDGETRY INCONVENIENCE, MOST OF THESE AGENCIES ARE PREPARING TO COMPLY.

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6. ABOVE REPRESENTS OUR EVALUATION OF RISKS INVOLVED IN CONTINUING PRESENT STORAGE ARRANGEMENT. ON BALANCE (OF BUDGETRY DIFFICULTIES FOR DEPARTMENT AND LIKLIHOOD EMBARRASSMENT FOR USG HERE) BELEIVE IT REASONABLE COMPROMISE FOR US TO CONTINUE EXISTING ARRANGMENET THROUGH END OF FY 75, THEREBY ALLOWING TIME FOR DEPARTMENT TO BUDGET FUNDS FOR ALTERNATE ARRANGEMENT BEGINNING WITH FY 76.
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